

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for polishing a surface plastic layer of an optical disk comprising:
 - a) a rotatable polished body holder for holding a polished body;
 - b) a rotatable polishing body holder for holding a polishing ~~body~~body,
wherein a rotational axis of the rotatable polishing body holder is arranged in parallel with a rotational axis of the rotatable polished body holder, and the rotational axis of the rotatable polishing body holder is placed outside of the polished body;
 - c) a buffer member provided between the polishing body and a rigid member, which is deformable within the range of 0.05 to 0.3 mm when pressed with a predetermined contact pressure required for polishing;
 - d) a driver for rotationally driving the polishing body holder and/or the polished body holder; and
 - e) a pressing unit for pressing the polishing body holder and the polished body holder against each other with the predetermined contact pressure.
2. (Original) The apparatus for polishing an optical disk according to claim 1, wherein the deformation amount of the buffer member is between 0.1 and 0.2 mm.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for polishing an optical disk according to claim 1, wherein the rigid member is provided between the buffer member and the polishing body holder.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for polishing an optical disk according to claim 2, wherein the rigid member is provided between the buffer member and the polishing body holder.